

1 **MS. VICTORIA BARNETT**

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3 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Victoria Barnett.

4 MS. BARNETT: My name is Victoria and I would like to
5 thank the Commission for the opportunity to speak today. I have
6 been in the gaming industry for six and a half years and it has
7 been just wonderful. The financial aspect as well as the benefit
8 aspect has put me ahead in my life. Before the gaming industry,
9 I was in inventory control and the pay just wasn't enough. So I
10 decided to see what the casino business had to offer.

11 I then became a cocktail waitress and was very
12 impressed with the benefits and the money to be made. Now in my
13 life I am currently engaged and building my first home. I would
14 not be at this point in my life without the casino industry. I
15 can financially plan my future and other things that I have
16 always wanted.

17 I know most people think a lot of negative things
18 about the gaming industry but really need to realize the true
19 facts. For example, when some people are overweight, they take
20 control of their lives and lose the weight. When some people
21 have a drinking problem with alcohol, they take control and go to
22 AA. When some people have a gambling problem, they need to take
23 control and go to Gamblers Anonymous. Take control of your own
24 life and don't blame it on the gaming industry. It's not the
25 food's fault, it's not the alcohol's fault, and it's not the
26 casino's fault. It's you as an individual. You are in control
27 of your own life. Please remember, no one is in control of your
28 life and the things you have and want but you. Everyone is
29 responsible for their own actions. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

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